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PLANTATION OFFICERS

ASSESSORS

E. L. HINDS H. L. TAGUE KIRK PAINE

CLERK

NETTIE TAGUE

TREASURER

LOUISE SAVAGE

COLLECTOR AND CONSTABLE

OMER DYER

SCHOOL BOARD

ETHEL BACHELDER EFFIE SCRIBNER
LOUISE SAVAGE

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

R. L. SINCLAIR

ROAD COMMISSIONER

JAMES BACHELDER

BOARD OF HEALTH

T. W. BRIMIGION, M. D. H. L. TAGUE E. L. HINDS

SURVEYORS OF WOOD, LUMBER AND BARK

ELMER BLACKWELL OMER DYER

PLANTATION WARRANT

STATE OF MAINE, FRANKLIN COUNTY, ss.

To Omer Dyer, a Constable in the Plantation of Coplin, in said County of Franklin: GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Plantation, qualified by law to vote in plantation affairs, to assemble at the Schoolhouse, in said Planation, on the 2nd day of March, 1931, at one o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary plantation officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To see what sum of money the plantation will vote to raise for the support of Common Schools for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see what sum of money the plantation will vote to raise for the support of Free High School for the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To see what sum of money the plantation will vote to raise for text-books and school supplies for the ensuing year.

ART. 7. To see what sum of money the plantation will vote to raise for transporting scholars for the ensuing year.

ART. 8. To see if the plantation will vote to raise money, and how much, for the County Health Nurse.

ART. 9. To see what sum of money the plantation will vote to raise for the maintenance of roads in summer for the ensuing year.

Art. 10. To see what sum of money the plantation will vote to raise for the maintenance of roads in winter for the ensuing year.

Art. 11. To see if the plantation will vote to raise money, and how much, for more snow fence for the ensuing year.

Art. 12. To see what sum of money the plantation will vote to raise for the maintenance of fifty-fifty highway for the ensuing year.

Art. 13. To see what sum of money the plantation will vote to raise for the maintenance of State Aid highway patrol for the ensuing year.

Art. 14. To see how much money the plantation will vote to raise for the maintenance of Improved Sections of 3rd Class highway.

Art. 15. To see if the plantation will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the plantation to State Aid as provided in Section 19 of Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes of 1916.

Art. 16. To see if the plantation will vote to appropriate and raise the sum of $300.00 for the improvement of the section of State Aid road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commission, in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges, the above amount being the maximum which the plantation is allowed to raise under the provision of Section 18, Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes of 1916.

Art. 17. To see what sum of money the plantation will vote to grant and raise to be expended and used for advertising the natural resources, advantages and attractions of the State of Maine.

Art. 18. To see what the plantation will vote to do in regard to paying H. L. Tague for damages on barn, caused by fill made in road, front of same.

Art. 19. To see what sum of money the plantation will vote to raise to pay plantation officers' bills for the ensuing year.

Art. 20. To see what sum of money the plantation will vote to raise to pay the plantation debt.

Art. 21. To see what sum of money the plantation will vote to raise for the abatement of taxes for the ensuing year.

Art. 22. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The Assessors give notice that they will be in session, for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters, at the Schoolhouse at 12.30 in the afternoon on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Coplin this 10th day of February, 1931.

E. L. HINDS,
H. L. TAGUE,
KIRK PAINE,

Assessors of Coplin Plantation.

ASSESSORS' REPORT

VALUATION, 1930

Real estate, resident	$ 18,851 00	
Real estate, non-resident	118,861 00	
Personal estate, resident	6,760 00	
Personal estate, non-resident	5,032 00	
Total		$149,504 00

Number of polls taxed	27
Poll tax rate	$3 00
Rate of taxation	.055

TAXES ASSESSED

Overlay	$ 518 65
State tax	1,157 10
County tax	539 98
District tax	242 99
Common schools	50 00
Free High schools	200 00
Text-books and school supplies	50 00
Transporting scholars	250 00
County Health Nurse	15 00
Repairs on roads and bridges, in summer	600 00
Roads in winter	350 00
Maintenance of State Aid highway	250 00
State Aid highway	300 00
Fifty-fifty highway	50 00
Maintenance of 3rd Class highway	23 00
Cutting bushes on 3rd Class and State Aid highway	50 00
Snow fence	300 00
Plantation officers' bills	500 00
Abatement of taxes	75 00

Advertising Maine	$ 25 00	
Plantation debt	2,000 00	
Moving stable as ordered by State Highway Commission	675 00	

PLANTATION OFFICERS' BILLS

E. L. Hinds, 1st assessor	$100 00	
H. L. Tague, 2nd assessor	25 00	
Kirk Paine, 3rd assessor	20 00	
Nettie Tague, clerk	40 00	
Louise Savage, treasurer	52 00	
Omer Dyer, constable and collector	75 00	
District supt. of schools	90 02	
Ethel Bachelder, school committee	20 00	
Effie Scribner, school committee	20 00	
Louise Savage, school committee	20 00	
T. W. Brimigion, M. D., health officer	5 00	
Plantation books	7 00	
Total		$474 02
Raised by plantation		500 00
Balance unexpended	$25 98	

COUNTY HEALTH NURSE

Raised by plantation	$15 00
Expended by plantation	15 00

ADVERTISING MAINE

Raised by plantation	$25 00
Expended by plantation	25 00

STATE AID ROAD ACCOUNT

Raised by plantation	$ 300 00	
Received from State	1,050 00	
Total		$1,350 00
Expended for labor and material		1,343 08
Balance unexpended		$6 92

MAINTENANCE PATROL

Raised by plantation		$250 00
Expended by State		106 65
Balance unexpended		$143 35

FIFTY-FIFTY HIGHWAY

Raised by plantation	$50 00	
Received from State	50 00	
Total		$100 00
Expended by plantation		111 00
Overexpended	$11 00	

THIRD CLASS HIGHWAY

Joint Fund		$133 65
Expended by plantation		137 50
Overexpended	$3 85	

PLANTATION ROADS

Raised by Plantation

Roads in summer		$600 00
Expended for roads in summer		588 25
Balance unexpended		$11 75

CUTTING BUSHES

Raised by plantation		$50 00
Expended by plantation		60 07
Overexpended	$10 07	

ROADS IN WINTER

Raised by plantation	$350 00	
Received from State, 1929 snow removal	64 60	
Received from State, 1930 snow removal	616 38	
Total		$1,030 98
Expended by plantation		926 08
Balance unexpended		$104 90

SNOW FENCE

Raised by plantation		$300 00
Expended by plantation		423 00
Overexpended	$123 00	

SNOW PLOW

Cost of snow plow	$95 72

MOVING STABLE

Raised by plantation	$675 00
Expended by E. L. Hinds	675 00

FINANCIAL STANDING OF PLANTATION

Resources of Plantation

Cash in hands of treasurer	$378 12	
Uncollected taxes	761 48	
Total		$1,139 60

Liabilities of Plantation

Note held by Rangeley Trust Company	$1,000 00
Resources in excess of liabilities	$139 60

E. L. HINDS,
H. L. TAGUE,
KIRK PAINE,

Assessors of Coplin.

TREASURER'S REPORT

SUMMARY FOR 1930

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand	$ 443 18	
Rec'd Assessors' note, Rangeley Trust Co.	1,000 00	
Dog licenses	8 00	
State Treas., Int. on reserved land	925 90	
Breaking roads, 1929	680 98	
Highway Dept.	50 00	
Imp. State road	1,043 08	
3rd class road	133 65	
State school fund	389 36	
Int. reserved land	925 90	
Collector of taxes	8,029 98	
		$13,630 03

EXPENDITURES

Paid Rangeley Trust Co., interest	$ 135 00	
Rangeley Trust Co., Assessors' notes	2,500 00	
County tax	539 98	
State Treas., dog tax	8 00	
Maintenance patrol	240 30	
State tax	1,157 10	
District tax	242 99	
Nash Stream bridge	1,542 80	
Plantation orders	6,885 74	
Cash on hand	378 12	
		$13,630 03

LOUISE SAVAGE, *Treasurer.*

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of the Plantation of Coplin:

I hereby submit, as required by law, the annual report for the municipal year ending January 31, 1931.

An authority on education has well said: "No matter how well the school system may be planned, no matter how elaborate the care with which State and local officials attempt to direct the work of the schools, it is, after all, the Teacher who makes the school an effective agency for education, or defeats the best efforts of others to do so."

Coplin Plantation is especially fortunate in its teacher for the present school year. I have never seen work more efficiently handled nor more and better work accomplished, than is being accomplished by Miss Wilbur this year. I am submitting her report with that of the County Nurse in connection with this report.

Our attendance for the school year 1929-30 was not as satisfactory as that of the preceeding year. With an enrollment of 16 we had an average attendance of 12.3.

During the past year the schoolhouse was shingled and it is in an excellent state of repair. We still have in the Repairs Account an unexpended balance of $32.88 which should be sufficient for the coming municipal year.

Because of the large unexpended balance carried in the C. S. Account it seems to me only necessary to raise the amount which the law demands for the coming municipal year. My recommendations are as follows:

Common Schools	$ 50 00	
High School tuition	250 00	
Textbooks and supplies	50 00	
Total		$350 00

At this time I wish to take the opportunity to thank the members of the S. S. Committee, Plantation officials and citizens of the Plantation for the splendid spirit of coöperation in carrying on the work of the school.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. SINCLAIR.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Coplin Plantation, Fiscal Year Ending January 31, 1931

COMMON SCHOOLS

RESOURCES

Unexpended balance from 1929-30	$759 24	
Appropriation	50 00	
Text-books and Supplies	50 00	
Int. on reserved land	925 90	
State school fund	389 36	
Total		$2,174 50

EXPENDITURES

Teachers' salary	$832 00	
Fuel	45 50	
Janitor service	57 00	
Conveyance	484 00	
Text-books and Supplies	35 90	
Tuition	32 50	
Total		$1,486 90
Unexpended balance		$687 60

HIGH SCHOOL

RESOURCES

Unexpended balance from 1929-30	$155 00	
Appropriation	200 00	
Total		$355 00

EXPENDITURES

Town of Eustis	$270 00	
Maine Central Institute	40 00	
Total		$310 00
Unexpended balance		$45 00

REPAIRS

RESOURCES

Unexpended balance from 1929-30	$151 80	
Total		$151 80

EXPENDITURES

F. L. Bourque, labor	$63 92	
Kempton Lumber Co., shingles	55 00	
Total		$118 92
Unexpended balance		$32 88

Teacher's Report

Coplin, Maine, January 23, 1931.

To the Superintendent, School Committee and Citizens:

I submit the following report of the Coplin School for the eighteen weeks that school has been in session beginning September 8, 1930 and closing January 23, 1931.

NAMES OF PUPILS BY GRADES

Grade 7 — Erma L. Bachelder
Grade 6 — Verne E. Scribner, Emily S. Price
Grade 5 — Harry E. Dyer, Phyllis G. Bachelder
Grade 4 — Junior Scribner, Kenneth C. Price
Grade 2 — Eldora J. Bachelder, Egbert W. Price
Grade 1 — Leslie L. Price

The average attendance for the period of eighteen weeks was 8.88+.

Because of four pupils not entering school until the third week and by so many pupils having to be absent because of illness our average attendance is low.

Eldora Bachelder has not missed any time, Junior Scribner has missed only three-fourths of one day and Verne Scribner only one and three-fourths days.

The parents have been very kind in regard to their children studying at home and the children, themselves, seem very willing to do home work and also to work after school at night. Therefore we have been able to complete all of the work planned for this half year with good rank.

In all schools of standard grade a certain portion of school work must be accomplished each year. Leading educators believe that the amount of work completed in each grade should be of equal importance in regard to quality and quantity because the grammar school is the foundation on which higher education is builded.

With this in mind, at the beginning of the school year reviews of the work of the previous grades were given and the work for this year carefully planned.

As the half year of our school closes I feel that we have completed an amount of school work equal to that of any standard school of the same grades, in the same time, in the state.

The pupils of the Coplin School are studious, honest and easy to govern. They are very friendly with their teacher and I am sure that she appreciates their friendship.

I find on my list that we have received thirty-two visits from our friends. Please try and make our visiting list grow.

Mr. Sinclair has made fourteen long visits to our school this year. He is very appreciative of all that we are attempting to do in our school work.

We are very fortunate in having a superintendent who is so much interested in the progress of our schools and the welfare of our boys and girls.

It is very pleasant for me to be here in Coplin as your teacher again and I thank you for the opportunity.

In closing, I wish to thank the taxpayers, who support our school, the Superintendent and School Committee, the parents and the pupils for their kind coöperation, loyalty and support in all affairs pertaining to our school. I also wish to thank the people where I board for the pleasant home life that I enjoy with them.

GEORGIE I. WILBUR,

Teacher, Coplin School.

Report of Public Health Nurse

To the Citizens of Coplin Plantation:

I hereby submit my second report as the Public Health Nurse for the fiscal year Feb. 1, 1930 to Feb. 1, 1931.

The school in Coplin Plantation was visited in April, May and June for re-examination of students for SEVEN POINT Pins and Certificates. Plans were also made to join with Lang Plantation and Stratton Schools in the Health Parade in May. The parade was most successful and we hope will be repeated next year.

In October the students had their Routine Health Examination and during the year five received SEVEN POINT Pins. Each year the number of corrections of defects increases and it is most gratifying to have the increased interest of parents and teachers in the importance of perfect physical health of those under their care.

The nurse and the North Franklin County Public Health Committee again extend thanks and appreciation to teachers and others who have coöperated with them in the Health work and also to those who assisted with the sale of Christmas Seals. This work is supported by the town appropriation and the money from the Sale of Seals is used in the prevention of Tuberculosis Campaign.

Respectfully submitted,

ADA H. STAFFORD, R. N.

No. Franklin County Public Health Nurse.

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